

1 **REMARKS**

2 Claims 37, 39, 47 and 51-53 are amended and claims 37, 39, 47 and 51-53
3 remain in the application for consideration. In view of the following remarks,
4 Applicant respectfully requests that the application be forwarded onto issuance.
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6 **Examiner Communication**

7 Applicant would like to sincerely thank Examiner Lonsberry for his time in
8 discussing this application over the phone on December 13, 2006. During the
9 interview, the § 103 rejections of the claims were discussed. Applicant has
10 amended the claims as discussed during the interview, and Examiner Lonsberry
11 agreed that the cited combination of references fails to disclose or suggest all of
12 the amended claims' recited features. Applicant respectfully requests that the
13 Examiner contact Applicant's representative to discuss the application before
14 issuing any subsequent rejections.
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16 **§ 103 Rejections**

17 Claims 37, 39, 47 and 51-53 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as
18 being obvious over U.S. Patent No. 6,600,496 to Wagner et al. (hereinafter
19 "Wagner") in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,177,931 to Alexander et al. (hereinafter
20 "Alexander") and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,933,192 to Crosby. While
21 Applicant respectfully disagrees with the rejections, Applicant has nonetheless
22 amended the claims as agreed during the Examiner interview to overcome the
23 rejections. Accordingly, the cited combination of references fails to render these
24 claims obvious and these claims are allowable. Thus, the Office's rejections are
25 traversed.

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